

REMARKS

Applicants have received the Office action dated November 6, 2006 in which the Examiner: 1) rejected claims 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement; 2) rejected claims 17 and 18 as allegedly obvious over Alcorn (U.S. Pat. No. 6,106,396) in view of Wu (U.S. Pat. No. 6,401,140), Madden et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,178,503) and Agnihotri (U.S. Pat. No. 6,763,456); 3) rejected claim 30 as allegedly obvious over Alcorn, Wu and Angelo (U.S. Pat. No. 5,974,250); 4) rejected claim 31 as allegedly obvious over Alcorn, Wu, Angelo, Madden and Agnihotri; and 5) rejected claim 32 as allegedly obvious over Alcorn and Galasso (U.S. Pat. No. 6,892,304); 6) rejected claim 33 as allegedly obvious over Alcorn and Galasso and further in view of Puckette (U.S. pat. No. 6,385,721).

With this Response, Applicants amend claim 30.

I. SECTION 112 REJECTIONS

With this Response, Applicants amend claim 31 to address the Section 112, first paragraph, rejection.

II. REMAINING REJECTIONS

The remaining rejections are addressed in the Appeal Brief to be subsequently filed.

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III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,



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